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SUBJ: CYPRUS IN SC

1. SC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 3:30 PM AUG 29 DID NOT TAKE PLACE. WHEN MEMBERSHIP BEGAIN TO ASSEMBLE IT WAS LEARNED THAT BRITISH, AUSTRIANS AND FRENCH WERE ENGAGED IN DRAFTING SESSION TO MARRY ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF CYPRIOT, BRITISH AND AUSTRIAN DRAFT RESOLUTIONS INTO SINGLE DRAFT THAT MIGHT COMMAND WIDESPREAD SUPPORT. DRAFTING GROUP EMERGED WITH NEW TEXT (SEPTEL) AND INFORMALLY REPRODUCED COPIES WERE SOON CIRCULATED TO ALL.

2. GREEKS, TURKS AND CYPRIOTS ALL HAD PROBLEMS WITH DRAFT, BUT RECOGNIZED THAT IT HAD SUCH PRESTIGE AS TO BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO LITTLE CHANGE, TURKS TOLD US THEY HAD PROBLEMS WITH REFERENCE TO REFUGEE RETURN IN OP PARA 4 BUT THEIR OBJECTIONS WERE TEMPERED BY REALIZATION THAT DRAFT WAS BEST TURKEY WOULD HOPE FOR. IT WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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CLEAR THAT ANY CHANGES WOULD LIKELY BE DISADVANTAGEOUS

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TO TURKS. IN ENSUING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ONLY VERY MINOR CHANGES WERE ACCEPTED BY THREE DRAFTERS AS PROSPECTIVE CO-SPONSORS.

3. IT QUICKLY BECAME CLEAR THAT MALIK WAS UNHAPPY WITH RESOLUTION AND WISHED TO DELAY ACTION. IT WAS OUR IMPRESSION THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (EXCEPT BYELORUSSIA) WOULD AT THIS STAGE HAVE PREFERRED TO MEET, DEBATE RESOLUTION AND VOTE ON IT, THUS "CLEARING THE DECKS." WHEN MALIK WASFINALLY PERSUADED (AFTER SIX O'CLOCK) TO ASSEMBLE COUNCIL MEMBERS IN HIS OFFICE FOR CONSULTATIONS, HE ANNOUNCED THAT ROSSIDES ("THE MOST INTERESTED PARTY, WHO HAS CALLED FOR THIS MEETING") HAD ASKED DELAY OF SC MEETING UNTIL 3:00 PM AUG 30. MALIK'S CONDUCT OF CONSULTATIONS SESSION WAS ONE OF HIS MOST GROSSLY PARTISAN PERFORMANCES. WHILE PRETENDING TO SPEAK AS PRESIDENT, HE CRITICIZED DRAFT RESOLUTION AS INADEQUATE BECAUSE OF ITS FAILURE TO DEMAND RESPECT FOR PREVIOUS SC RESOLUTIONS AND FOR NOT INCLUDING SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR SC MISSION TO CYPRUS. US REP TWITTED MALIK FOR DRAGGING HIS FEET AFTER HAVING REPEATEDLY INSISTED IN EARLIER HOURS ON URGENCY OF QUESTION. UK REP PROVOKED BRIEF SHOUTING MATCH WITH MALIK WHEN HE ACCUSED MALIK OF ATTEMPTING TO BLACK-MAIL COUNCIL INTO ACCEPTING HIS VIEWS.

4. MALIK WAS EVENTUALLY PERSUADED TO SCHEUDLE MEETING TO CONSIDER THREE-POWER DRAFT AT 10:30 AM AUG 30. HIS ILL GRACE THIS AFTERNOON HAS REDUCED HIS PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESSFULLY INTRODUCTING AMENDEMENTS WHEN CONSULTATIONS RESUME AUG 30. MALIK MAY CONTINUE TO SEEK DELAY. HOWEVER, WE WOULD EXPECT COUNCIL TO FORCE HIM PUT DRAFT RESOLUTION TO VOTE NO LATE THAN AFTER AUG 30. WE HAVE SEEN NO SIGN THAT MALIK'S EXTREMISM IN OPPOSING PROMPT ACTION WOULD TOMORROW BE CARRIED TO POINT OF OVERTLY MOVING TO BLOCK PASSAGE OF THREE-POWER DRAFT.
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